

State Capitol | Lansing, Michigan 48913 PH (517) 373.2420 | FAX (517) 373.2764 www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/garcia/

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Garcia Saves \$7.2 Million in State Budgets

Contact: Karen Szczepanski

(517) 373-2420

As Appropriations Subcommittees Chair of Consumer and Industry Services and General Government, saves state more money than the Governor enacts in her Executive Budget

LANSING – Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, today announced that as the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittees of Consumer and Industry Services and General Government, he has passed two budgets which save the state \$7.2 million.

"As Michigan faces a budget shortfall, it is essential to balance the budget by cutting back on programs and services and not raising taxes," Garcia said. "Governor Granholm's tax increases disguised as the closing of so-called "tax loopholes" will not be tolerated. I will continue to fight for low tax burdens on Michigan families."

Senator Garcia's Appropriation Subcommittee on Consumer and Industry Services passed a \$6 million reduction, while the General Government Appropriation Subcommittee enacted a \$1 million reduction.

The full Senate Appropriations Committee meets tomorrow at 1:00 PM in the Appropriations Room on the 3rd Floor of the Michigan State Capitol.

"I hope my cuts will survive this committee meeting as well," Garcia said.